GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INDIAN CITIZENSHIP TO PAKISTANI NATIONALS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistani nationals visited India have applied for Indian citizenship;

(b) if so, the number of such families, State-wise;

(c) the time by which the citizenship is likely to be granted to them;

(d) whether the Union Government is considering to grant citizenship to families and doctors living in other States on the line of Gujarat; and

(e) if so, the provisions made for those families whose passports and period of Visas have expired?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a), (b)&(c): Persons of Indian Origin including Pak nationals, who apply for grant of Indian Citizenship (IC), are considered under the provisions of section 5(1)(a) of the Citizenship Act, 1955. No definite number of such applicants and time frame for granting IC can be specified because the applications have to go through different stages in the State/Central Government.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Question does not arise.